

**House Bill 171 – Department of the Environment – Yard Waste, Food**

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**Anaerobic Digestion**

**Subgroup Meeting Agenda**

**Date:** Friday, August 24, 2018; 9:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

**Place:** Maryland Department of the Environment  
Lobby Conference Rooms  
1800 Washington Boulevard  
Baltimore, MD 21230

- 9:30 Welcome and Introductions - *All*
- 9:40 Obstacles/Barriers to Anaerobic Digestion in Maryland
- 1) Lack of financial incentives
  - 2) Siting and location challenges
  - 3) Lack of clear permitting and regulatory guidance
  - 4) Access to capital/financing
- 9:55 Recommendations discussed in previous HB 171 Workgroup meetings
- 1) Continue to identify obstacles regarding Anaerobic Digestion.
  - 2) Clarify regulatory requirements and identify markets for AD.
  - 3) Draft AD permit guidance document (mirror similar documents for Compost as well as Winery, Brewery and Distillery Discharge Permit Guidance)
  - 4) Provide permit exemptions for small-scale and on-farm AD similar to exemptions from composting regulations
  - 5) Look into regulations regarding comingling food waste with agricultural waste.
  - 6) Explore the possibility of co-digestion at wastewater treatment plants.
  - 7) Consider stand alone anaerobic digestion regulations and permit.
  - 8) Establish an Agricultural Anaerobic Digestion Technical Assistance Program.
  - 9) Workgroup should consider how to include organic waste recovery through AD as recycling under MRA
  - 10) Explore economic incentives.

(note – all recommendations listed about were discussed in previous Study Group Meetings are were reflected in meeting summaries)

10:15 Other recommendations

10:25 Wrap up and next steps - *MDE*

Please refer to the Department's Organics Diversion and Composting page for information relating to the study group. [www.mde.maryland.gov/composting](http://www.mde.maryland.gov/composting)

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